

periphery of the floor structure, and further comprising a band having side and end portions spaced above the floor structure and connected to the floor structure by said columns to form a unitary construction, wherein said band is contoured downwardly to form a band corner portion that directly connects to the floor structure at each corner of said tray.

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3. (Amended) The tray of claim 2, further comprising a rib on an exterior surface of each said band corner portion, and a platform formed at a top edge of each said band corner portion to support the rib of an above-nested tray.

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4. (Amended) The tray of claim 1, wherein said band is contoured downwardly at an angle of approximately 50°.

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5. (Amended) The tray of claim 1, wherein said band is also contoured downwardly along the side of said tray to form a band side detail that connects to the floor structure at the side of said tray.

6. (Amended) A low depth nestable tray for containers, said tray having a floor structure with a floor top surface, a floor bottom surface, and a plurality of container support areas on the floor top surface, wherein the improvements comprise:

a low depth wall structure comprising a plurality of columns arranged along the periphery of the floor structure, and further comprising a band having side and end portions spaced above the floor structure and connected to the floor structure by said columns to form a unitary construction, wherein said band is contoured downwardly along the side portions to form a band central portion that directly connects to the floor structure at the side portions of said tray.

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8. (Amended) The tray of claim 6, wherein said band is contoured downwardly at an angle of approximately 50° to form said band central portion.

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Please add new claims 9-20 as follow:

9. (New) The tray of claim 6, wherein the band also contours downwardly to form a band corner portion attached to the floor structure.

10. (New) The tray of claim 9, further comprising a rib formed on an exterior surface of at least one band corner portion, and a platform formed at an upper edge of a corresponding band corner portion for supporting the rib of an adjacent above-nested tray.

11. (New) The tray of claim 6, wherein each column has an inner column surface which projects inward, and an outer column surface which is recessed inward to receive therein the inner column surface of an adjacent below-nested tray.

12. (New) The tray of claim 6, wherein the band has a substantially planar inner surface.

13. (New) A low depth nestable tray for containers, having a floor structure with a floor top surface, a floor bottom surface, and a plurality of container support areas on the floor top surface, wherein the improvements comprise:

a low depth wall structure comprising a plurality of columns arranged along the periphery of the floor structure, and further comprising a band having side and end portions spaced above the floor structure and connected to the floor structure by said columns to form a unitary construction, wherein said band is contoured downwardly along the side portions to form a band side detail that directly connects to the floor structure at the side portions of said tray.

14. (New) The tray of claim 13, wherein one of the side portions of the band is contoured downwardly and one of the end portions of the band is contoured downwardly so as to converge together to define a band corner portion.

15. (New) The tray of claim 14, wherein the band corner portion is integrally attached to the floor structure at each corner of the tray.

16. (New) The tray of claim 13, wherein each column has an inner column surface which projects inward, and an outer column surface which is recessed inward to receive therein the inner column surface of an adjacent below-nested tray.

17. (New) The tray of claim 13, further comprising a rib formed on an exterior surface of at least one band corner portion, and a platform formed at an upper edge of a corresponding band corner portion for supporting the rib of an adjacent above-nested tray.

18. (New) The tray of claim 13, wherein the band side detail is centrally disposed along the length of the side wall.

19. (New) The tray of claim 1, wherein the band has a substantially planar inner surface.

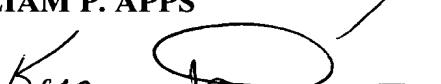
20. (New) The tray of claim 1, wherein each column has an inner column surface which projects inward, and an outer column surface which is recessed inward to receive therein the inner column surface of an adjacent below-nested tray.

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment. Applicant believes the claims are in a condition for allowance, and a notice of such allowance is respectfully solicited.

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